



# Watercraft Safety

## Survival Tips Operator Responsibilities

- Make sure watercraft are in top operating condition and there are no tripping hazards. Boats should be free of fire hazards and have clean bilges.
- Required safety equipment on board should be maintained in good condition. Know how to properly use these devices.
- Have complete knowledge of the operation and handling characteristics of your watercraft.
- Know your watercraft position and where you are going.
- Maintain a safe speed at all times.
- Know weather conditions and act accordingly.
- Know and practice Rules of the Road (Navigation Rules).
- Know and obey federal and state regulations and waterway markers.
- Maintain a clear, unobstructed view forward at all times.

*Most boating collisions are caused by inattention.*

